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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7066

BILL NUMBER: HB 1107

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Elder Affairs Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Frizzell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Elder Affairs Commission to combine the responsibilities of the Commission on Aging and the Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled (CHOICE) Board. The bill repeals the law concerning the Commission on Aging and various provisions of the law concerning the CHOICE Board. The bill also makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill renames the CHOICE Board as the Elder Affairs Commission. The bill also combines the duties of the Commission on Aging and the CHOICE Board and assigns them to the Elder Affairs Commission. The bill repeals the Commission on Aging.

The Elder Affairs Commission consists of 16 members and is required to meet at least four times per year. In addition, each Commission member is required to attend at least three local meetings concerning aging issues in the member's congressional district. The Division of Aging is responsible for providing staff for the Commission. Members would receive per diem and reimbursement for all meetings attended. Members of the Commission who are not state employees are entitled to a minimum salary per diem under IC 4-20-11-2.1(b) of \$35. Currently, this statute is overridden by Section 15 of the budget bill which provides a higher reimbursement of \$50. It should be noted that should the budget bill dictate a different amount of reimbursement in the future, or not address reimbursement, this reimbursement level could change. Members are also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties.

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The Elder Affairs Commission is required to establish three subcommittees: (1) a community and home options to institutional care for the elderly and disabled committee, and (2) two additional subcommittees to be established by the Commission each year. Subcommittees are required to meet four times annually and provide the Commission with recommendations and a report. Subcommittee members are not entitled to compensation.

The bill transfers any assets or liabilities that belong to the Commission on Aging or the CHOICE Board to the Commission effective July 1, 2007.

Background Information: FY 2006 expenditures totaled approximately \$14,750 for the Commission on Aging and \$2,800 for the CHOICE Board.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

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